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Dear U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

I am writing to you to urge that you grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals-docket number 98P-0151-CP. It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Animals who are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely

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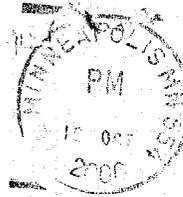
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